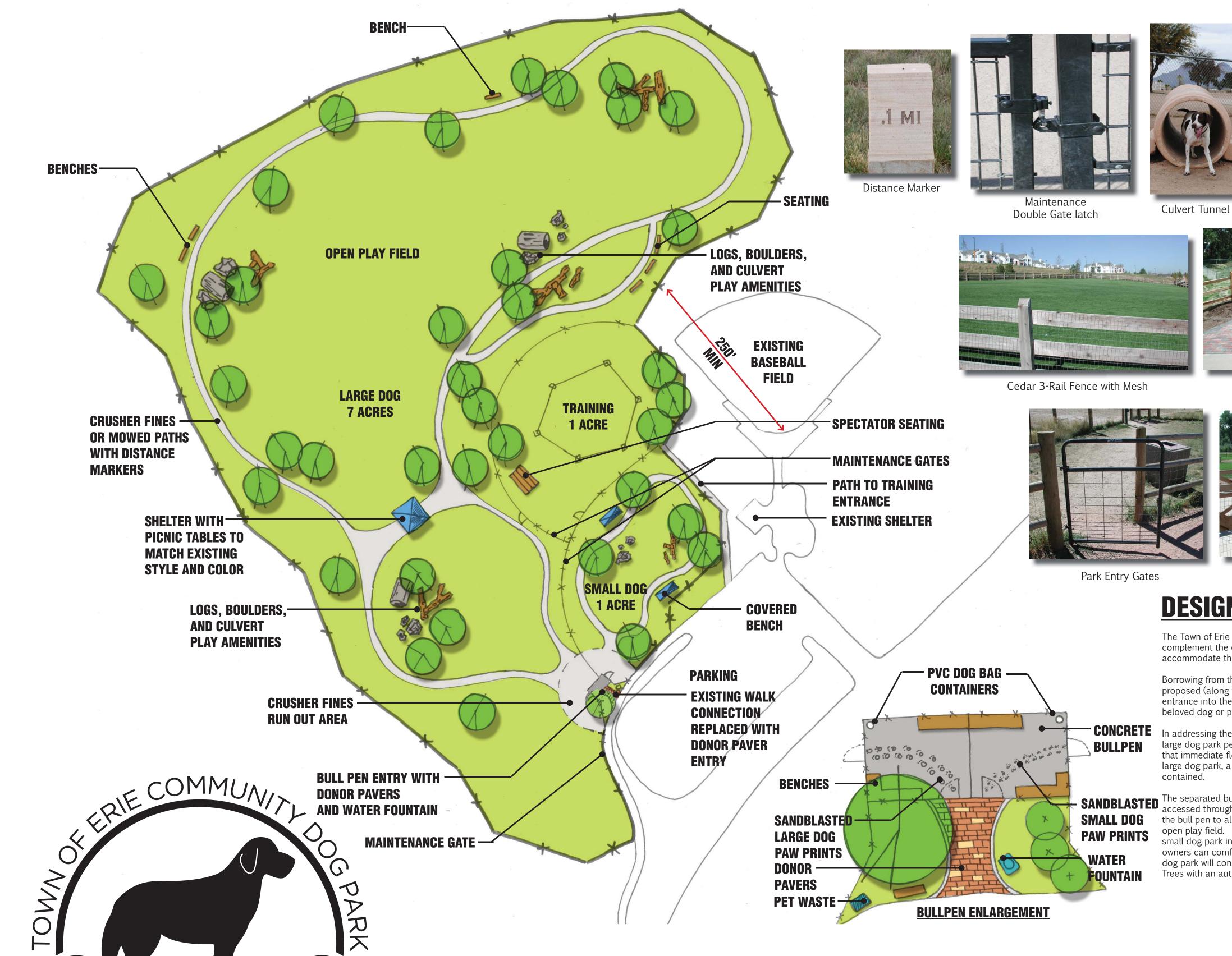
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PVC Dog Bag Containers Covered Bench Shelter

Crusher Fines Run-Out Area





Separated Gates Bullpen





Donor Paver Entryway Donor Paver Example







Water Fountain

Fallen Play Log

DESIGN INTENT

The Town of Erie has a great opportunity to provide a high quality environment for dog park users. Three goals for designing the park are; to complement the existing character of the adjacent Reliance Park, address flooding concerns from the nearby Coal Creek and provide space to accommodate three different types of dog users.

Borrowing from the animal print detail found on the existing shade shelter at Reliance Park, sandblasted large dog and small dog prints are proposed (along with signage) at the entrance into the dog park to whimsically direct users to their appropriate 'park'. As a fundraising idea, the entrance into the dog park from the parking lot includes donor pavers that may include the donors name, a dog's name or a memorial to a beloved dog or pet owner. A pet/owner water fountain is also provided at this entrance.

In addressing the flooding concerns from Coal Creek such as water flow and debris, a buffer is proposed between the banks of the creek and the large dog park perimeter fence. The large dog park with a wider wire mesh fence was purposely designed along the east banks of Coal Creek so that immediate flood debris could pass through the fence with less difficulty and still contain the larger dogs. As debris is dispersed across the large dog park, a smaller wire mesh fence would be used for the training park and small dog park so that the smaller animals could still remain

The separated bull pen will allow users to comfortably take their dogs to the appropriate large or small dog 'park'. The training park can be accessed through the large dog and small dog park entrance. A large shade shelter that includes picnic tables/benches is located away from the bull pen to allow breathing space for just arrived unleashed dogs and their owners and provides separation between the entrance and the open play field. Pet owners can observe both sides of the large dog park under a shelter protected by the elements. The open play field and small dog park includes natural logs, partially buried boulders and concrete culverts for dogs to interact, run, jump and crawl under/over. Pet owners can comfortably use these natural seating areas or designated benches/covered benches around the perimeter of each park. The entire dog park will consist of native grass with a crusher fines path that provides access around the outside edge of the small and large dog parks. Trees with an automatic drip irrigation system were designed throughout the parks for added shade and landscape interest.

